

(a) whether the emigration rules have been amended recently to the effect that the documents for emigration clearance have to be routed through the recruitment agencies;

(b) if so, the reasons for affecting such a change;

(c) whether complaints have been received with regard to the revised procedure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b). It is not a fact that Emigration Rules, 1983 have been amended recently. With the simplification of emigration procedure on 4.10.91 by bringing six additional categories of workers under 'Emigration Check not Required' for a period of six months, persons falling in the above six categories seeking employment abroad are required to approach Protectors of Emigrants/Passport Authorities for such an endorsement through authorised Recruiting Agents. This has been done with a view to facilitating the movement of Indian workers for workers for employment abroad.

(c) and (d). No complaint has been received regarding the simplification of procedure referred to above. Suggestions relating to the procedural aspects received will be considered and appropriate action taken.

#### **Corruption cases against Public Servants**

2167. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation has registered cases against

public servants for corruption recently; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of cases investigated by Central Bureau of investigation during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Yes, Sir, Central Bureau of Investigation have registered 20 cases against public servants, recently. Details of cases are given below:-

"They involve 10 officers of Government Departments and 19 officers of Public Sector Undertakings."

(b) During the last six months, 434 cases involving 670 public servants were registered and investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

#### **Pension to Journalists**

2168. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps to ensure pension to the working journalists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b). The Government had set up an Expert Group to work out a pension scheme for journalists and non-journalists employees of newspaper establishments. The two alternative pension schemes recommended by the Group which were subject to payment of monthly contribution at different rates were considered by the Central Board of Trustees of the